BOXING TOWNS

Gradually They

Being Cut Off.

Nation Shuts Down With New York and Stays Shut.

Looks Bad in Many Places for the

Squared Circle Sport-Will

Revival Come?

The present boxing territory is just about the smallest area allowed to the sport since the days just prior to the revival brought about by John L. Sullivan. Could a map be marked off, showing how the sport stood in 1900, when it was at its height, and also how it stands today, the friends of pugilism would shake a woeful skull. Seldom did a defeated emperor of bygone days lose as much land as has been taken away from boxing. The history of the past five years has been a long succession of repeated defeats, spasmodic flurries and then more over-

modic flurries and then more over-throws. In the year 1900, at this time, the game was flourishing as it has not

flourished since. All the cities now open to the sport were wider ajar, and a lot of others. "As New York goes, so goes the Nation," and this is true in sport as well as politics. When New York ran wide open, the glove man was welcome everywhere when New York.

welcome everywhere-when New York shut down, it did not take long for oth-er towns to follow."

State cities all had their little arenas

State cities all had their little arenas, and a fighter of good class could thrive without ever going into another State. New Jersey had several good little clubs, within an hour's jump from Tammany hall. Philadelphia was run-

ning just as at the present time.

Over in Connecticut there were good clubs at New London, New Haven

and other burgs. Boston was not open

the Boston era came a little later.

Wheeling, W. Va., had a very fair
club. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo and

Dayton were thriving. There was a great deal of boxing in Indiana. Louisville was a fine fighting center. St. Louis was running smoothly and so was Detroit. Chicago was booming along with Tattersalls in full blast—and the Gaps. We Govern fake will use

and the Gans-McGovern fake still un-devised. Milwaukee had its shows as

devised. Milwaukee had its shows as now. The territory open in the far

West was better than today, for such cities as Seattle, Tacoma and Portland were open, and San Francisco was

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Boxing, in brief, was the real goods throughout an immense area, and the profits were pouring into the pockets of the promoters.

Then the flood came. First, New York shut down. All the New York State cities followed and feeble attempts at shows on Canadian soil, dy-

ing from sheer inanition, were all that the sports could get. Then-whack, whack, whack! Ohio, West Virginia.

Jersey-the doors closed all along the

And those doors have never been

opened for any length of time. Chicago has had some rallies, but with no per-

manency, and the game is now as dead

manency, and the game is now as dead as the lamented Hamlet. Detroit is giving small shows only. St. Louis is open to a small extent. Milwaukee gets along all right. Baltimore is open and not enough people go to the shows to pay for shoe leather. San Francisco is about to close down. Oh, me, oh, my,

what a prospect for the glove man! These things go in waves. The wave of suppression has reached its height.

When will the next wave of open poli-cy sweep over?-Exchange.

Easy to Be Divorced.

Connecticut, Louisville, Chicago,

right in the swim,

GROWING FEW

GOOD JOCKEYS CROPPING UP

fastern Circuits Get Money.

coast Will Furnish More Crack Riders for Big Patrons.

wcDaniel and Coterie of Fellows Promise as Well as Did Hildebrand.

From the present outlook there will te no dearth of good jockeys on the Eastern tracks this season.

In addition to a really large number of capable boys who are now in the pigkin, Tod Sloan may again place his foot in the stirrup and out of the West will come McDaniel, a clever lightseight, who at present is riding in rest form at Los Angeles. Nicol, who hads the list of winning lockeys at New Orleans, is also looked upon as a by who is sure to distinguish himself. by who is sure to distinguish himself. Fuller, who led the jockeys in 1903, but fell from grace last season, is said to have mended his ways and will main stick to the straight and narrow path, in which case his services will be in keen demand. Hildebrand, w Davis, T. Burns, Redfern, O'Neil, Faw, Odom, H. Cochrane, H. Phillips, Yartin, Travers, Crimmins, Gannon, Liwand Wonderly will all be on call, as without exception they are tried and capable jockeys, who can be counted on to do full justice to their mounts under ordinary circumstances. Opinions may differ as to their relative merits, but each one is qualified opinions may differ as to their relafire merits, but each one is qualified to take the mount on any horse he
may be called on to ride. Then there
we a number of other boys who are
not far behind those mentioned in
skill notably Cormack, Shilling, Sperlag, Bullman, Higgins and H. Callalan. All in all there will be fully
trelve lockeys of the first class to do
the bulk of the riding, with plenty of
others to fill in with if the fields are
large.

McDaniel and Nicol will be new to

the local circuit. McDaniel is the find of the winter on the coast. He has bea riding with such marked success that he has not suffered in comparison with Hildebrand "Tod" Sloan, the erstwhile great Jockey, was so impresed with the youngster's riding at Les Angeles this winter that he took the body services. In president to the boy's services. In speaking of McDaniel Sloan said: "For a jockey of his size I believe he is one of the best I have ever seen. He is quick at the post, has a nice pair of hands, is a good judge of pace and a strong faisher. He keeps his head, too, at critical points, and seems to be a natural horseman." McDaniel only weighs tral horseman." McDaniel only weighs eithy-five pounds and will not lack for mounts if he can live up to the troutation he has established in Cali-famia. Nicol, who leads the jockeys it New Orleans, is also spoken of highb, but if all reports are true he will have to be governed with a tight hand. Fuller has been riding with some sucruler has been riding with some suc-cess at Los Angeles and showing a re-lum to his best form. When at his best there are few, if any, better jock-garding, and it is to be hoped that he will pay the strict attention to rid-

ing that it deserves.

W Davis has signed to ride for Syding Paget this year. "Jack" Joyner
made a special trip to California to arname the details. This means that Da-tis should begin well, as he will have the mount on a choice selection of Eagin bred two-year-olds. Hildebrand a said to have signed with Harry Fame Whitney for a retaining fee of \$3,000. Hildebrand headed the list of Divide. Hildebrand headed the list of thining jockeys last year by a big ming. In 1280 mounts he won 298 tings which stands as a record so far if waning mounts is concerned in this montry. Since 1886 a number of jockeys have earned a better percentage, but his nearest rival in victories is T. Burns, who rode 277 winners in 1898. No other contracts have as yet been announced, and it looks as if more in the property of the property would ride free lance this year lian heretofore. Redfern will probably mass his contract with E. R. Thomas, man heretofore Redfern will probably mass his contract with E. R. Thomas, f. Burns is even now in negotiation with S. S. Brown for a continuance of his last year's contract, O'Neil is almost sure to be retained by Newton Branington, and Crimmins, it is said, will ride for James R. Keene. Odom, the contract of the con saw, Lyne and Wonderly have made so arrangements as yet and are not tillkely to. They will get plenty of mounts, however. Last year at this time Hildebrand. W. Davis, Travers and Crimmins were unknown to fame. It is not unreasonable to believe that McDaniel, Nicol and perhaps one or McDaniel, Nicol and perhaps one or two others may follow in their foot-

WALL FALLS DOWN.

System Fails to Break Bank at Monte Carlo.

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of past coups at the wheel is so saide to the result of future coups as the wheel is sales the wheel is out of order. There is no means of knowing whether at any fiven moment red or black or odd or man will next turn up.



NEW YORK AMERICAN PITCHERS.

Never has a baseball club gotten together such an aggregation of pitchers as the New York American's. The picture shows J. A. Whiteley, a pupil of Amos Rusie, who Manager Griffith is confident will prove a star of the first magnitude.

Interesting Talk From Great Chauffeur.

Thought His First 1:01 Mile Was Limit on Circle Track.

Motor Driving Practically New Industry With Boundless

When I first made a mile in an automobile on a circular track in 1:01, I thought that I had almost reached the speed limit," said Barney Oldfield, champion speed merchant, in discussing motor possibilities. Since that time I have gradually reduced the figures to 0:53, made at Los Angeles, and now I thought he was going to break the bank of Monte Carlo with the aid of a calculating machine the size of a cigarette case, has gone the way of courtless. It have in mind a sort of 'freak' the case, has gone the way of courtless.

thing went wrong with the calculation and wall steadily lost until he quit moke, but his belief in his machine is still firm.

It only needs a little perfecting," he are in the wind wall started the movement, but he result of the bank of Monte Carlo will surely go make."

The advent of Wall and his machine is advent of Wall and his machine in longht no alarm to the Casino officials. Systems and men with mechanical devices for breaking the bank have sen the realistaty of this institution made its inception. Any one who insetting the wind percentage in favor of the bank, which will inevitably take all the winlines. It must be borne in mind that the pault of past coups at the wheel is supplied.

"This sport is almost like the old bleycle game. I have no use for road races or road work, but I confine my at-tention solely to the track. I have made that my study and without wishing to

latter myself, I think I have made a science out of it, which, I believe, gives me an advantage over my rivals. Take, for instance, a driver in New York. There is only one track near home which he can use. He is allowed on it only between 2 and 4 in the afternoon, when the soil is soft and springy for the horses, so that he derives little or no benefit from the practice he gets. I am out through the country, getting the practical experience, racing almost every day on all kinds of tracks and in all kinds of weather. I know just the right angles to take the turns, how to work through the soft places in the track and all the little tricks of managing a mile-a-minute rig like mine. I ing a mile-a-minute rig like mine. I strike New York the day of the race, when the track has been put in shape for automobile racing, and it gives me a great advantage over the stay-at-

"I am going to follow my usual programme next summer. I will not dodge any competition, but will take pot-luck with all the speed marvels they bring forth. So far I have been able to hold my own, and I think I will continue. The one I most fear is this young Frenchman, Bernin, who, I think, is a scienced driver.

"No Bennett cup race for me, and, besides, the returns are not enough if I should win. The French manufacturers can afford to pay big bonuses because they sell their cars to the nobility for fancy prices. Why, Thery, who won the last race, received something like \$20,000 for doing so. No American maker could pay anything like that."

Same Fellow Told Him.

Pitcher Leon Viau, with Cleveland several seasons, was an in-andouter, twirling a masterly game one day and probably a very amateurish one the next time be was in the box. But with the grandstand full of pretty girls, Viau, who was then the Apollo of the game, was at his best. In one fierce battle with Anson's team the score in battle with Anson's team the score in the ninth was Cleveland 4, Chicago 2, A Chicago runner was on third, two out and Anson up. When the second strike was called on "Pop." all the girls clapped their hands and shouted. "Strike him out, Lee!"

"Who told you that you were a ladies' an?" snarled Anson. Viau wound one around the blg fel-

low's neck before replying.
"Three strikes!" yelled the umpire.
"Now," said Viau, "Fil answer your question. The same fellow that told you that you could bat."-Chicago Jour-nal.

His Memory to Fault.

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John Rogers is station master at Coupar-Angus, on the Caledonian railway. He was a plous man, but, like many other railway men, he waxed a little profane under excitement. John was a member of the local Burns society and attended the annual dinner regularly, getting a little mellow by closing time. After one dinner he got home among the "wee, sma" nours," undressed himself with some difficulty and went down on his knees beside the bed, where he sent forth some incoherent mutterings.

"What's the matter, John" asked his better half. "Are ve no feelin' weel?"

"Am feelin' a' richt" reniled John, "but as canna mind a damned wird o' ma prayers."

Divorce procedure in Burmah is simple. If a husband and wife decide that life together is an impossibility, she goes out and buys two little candles of equal size, made especially for the use of the unhappily wedded. She brings the candles home and then she and her husband sit down upon the floor, placing the candles between them. The candles are lighted at the same moment, and one represents the husband, the other the wife. The pair watch the burning tapers anxiously, for custom decrees that the owner of the one which goes out first is at once to leave the house. The second candle may have only flekered out a moment later, but its possessor remains owner of the house and all its contents, his or her late partner going away with nothing but the clothes wern at the moment

Marvelous Pitcher Who Showed Up Once, Then Vanished for All Time.

Napoleon Lajoie

Napoleon Lajole, the greatest hitter in baseball, and who is managing the Cleveland team, tells a weird tale of a "wizard" in the person of a pitcher who applied for a job in Philadelphia several

applied for a job in Philadelphia several years ago:

"We were out for morning practice one day when a tall, angular, awkward man, who looked more like a sailor than an athlete, gained admittance to the park and asked permission to work with us.

"It was an unusual proceeding, but we told him to get busy. He went to the outfield for a while and did fairly well catching fungoes. Then he came in and asked to pitch to us in practice. We hadn't any of us been hitting much for a week and were glad of a chance to bat the ball a little in practice from a new pitcher." Big Delehanty made two or three

week and were glad of a chance to bat the ball a little in practice from a new pitcher.

"Big Delehanty made two or three swings at the twisters the stranger served up to him, and then he turned around to me: 'Nap. that fellow's a ringer,' he said. We all laughed at Del's remark, but the laugh didn't last I was as helpless before him that day as I am nowaday before Jack Chesbro's spit ball, when it is working right. Dick Cooley was mad all over because he couldn't hit the new-fangled curves.

"Finally, we got behind the man and watched in open-mouthed wonder the zigzag, round-the-corner, hide and seek curves he pitched against the grandstand. It was hard to tell whether you were on a ball field or in the delirium tremens ward of an inebriate hospital.

"What do you do for a living?' I asked him in amazement.

"Oh most anything,' he said. 'Anything that will earn me bread and butter and a place to sleep. Help load ships, sweep crossings—anything.'

"Wouldn't you like to earn \$500 or \$500 a menth?"

"Oh, I don't know,' he replied carelessity. 'Could It'
"You certainly could if you can pitch like that in a game. Come out here this afternoon and I'll introduce you to Manager Shettsline.
"He was there at the appointed time."

Tells Queer Yarn

and showed Sheits his paces. Bernard Donahue and the other pitchers looked on him with voiceless astonishment. He was a Rube Waddell, a Cy Young, a John Clarkson, a Charles Radhourne, an Eddle Beaton and a Clark Griffith all combined in one.

"Sheitsline told him to come to the office next day and sign a contract. That night we all had dreams of the pennant and of the consternation the new pitcher's debut would create in the ranks of the other clubs.

"But we never saw the fellow again. He disappeared as suddenly as he appeared and as completely as if he had jumped into the middly waters of the Schuylkill. Detectives hired by the club hunted high and low for him, and we even advertised in the papers, but we got no trace of him whatever.

"And never before and never since have I seen such a marvelous exhibition of masterful pitching as that unknown man in shirtsleeves and overalls gave that day in the presence of the most famous batting team ever organized."—Exchange.

Why the Indian's Horse Won. A man who has traveled extensively in the West among other anecdotes told this

the West among other anecdotes told this one:

"I was present at a horserace in New Mexico, one day, where a horse, belonging to an Indian, has been matched against a swift-footed pony, which was the property of a cowboy. The pony was known by the white men to be a botter racer than the other animal and the race had been arranged for the purpose of fleecing the redskins. An impromptu course of a mile had been arranged and the race was to be four times over the course. The cowboys gave their rider instructions to hold the pony back until the finish so that they could induce the Indians to make big bets. "The Indian's horse took the lead at the start and retained it. The cowboys offered more money as the race progressed, and the Indians seeing their horse in the lead, took the wagers. So it went until three and a half miles had been covered and the Indians had bet all their possessions against the money of the cowboys. Then the cowboy rider put the spurs to the pony. He passed the line five lengths shead.

"There were three judges. Two of them

rposed: 'Uh, uh,' they grunted, 'Indian's horse

win."

"How's that" shouted the cowboys.
Didn't the pony come in first?"

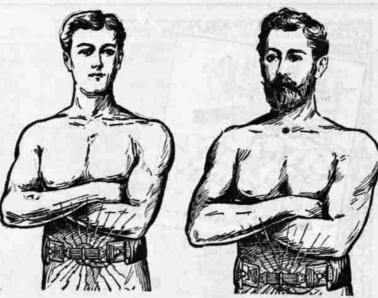
"But Indian's horse was in front most of the way. Indians win' came the final decision of the two Indian judges, and there was no appeal."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tells Odd Story About Jack Doyle

Joe Corbett Waxes Reminiscent, and Goes Way Back to Days

Apropos of the coming of Jack Doyle Apropos of the coming of Jack Doyle into the Coast league, Joe Cerbett tells an interesting story of his experience when he and Doyle were on the champion Oriole team in 1897. Corbett says that if Doyle has not gone back he will be a tower of strength to Manager McCreedie's Portland toam. Joe says Doyle has few equals in the profession in sliding bases and tapping the home plate when once on the paths. He sometimes lets his tonghe outrun him, however. In speaking of him the other night Joe said he was reminded of a game in which they played against Brooklyn, when George Harper was in the box against Corbett. George started badly, and ten runs were made off his pitching in the first inning. The game was thought to be cinched, and the Orioles indulged in a lot of horse-piey. Later on the Brooklyns pulled themselves together and soored eight times in the fifth. In those days when a game was together and soored eight times in the fifth. In those days when a game was lost it was invariably piaced at the door of the pitcher, no matter where the fault really lay and Corbett did a stunt which put a stop to such tactics ever after. In the fatal fifth the bases were full and a bunt was laid down on the first-base line. Corbett and Doyle both started for the bail and Doyle secured it, only to throw it wildly over Catcher Clarke's head, letting in two runs. Corbett showed his displeasure at the blunder, but Doyle would not stand for a Grubbing from Joe. He began to use language peculiar to himself, and matters were becoming interesting, when Joe deliberately threw the bail out of the inclosers and took his seat on the bench, refusing to play with one who so lavishly uncorked his vials of wrath in words unprintable. Confusion reigned for a time, but Joe was obdurate and would not proceed. Another pitcher was substituted. It had its desired effect, for the remainder of the season Doyle kept his own counsel, especially at times when he was so palpably lame, as in the instance above cited. Joe has only words of praise for the into the Coast league, Jos Corbett tells an interesting story of his experience

FREE TO MEN





of danger, while others become panic-stricken, a man leaps forward and becomes a hero. In time of danger, while others become panic-stricken, a man leaps forward and becomes a hero. Who is he? THE MANLY MAN! In the midst of business famine who is the man who pushes his enterprise through strife and trouble to success? THE MANLY MAN! Who is the man who gains and holds the respect and esteem of his neighbors and associates in business? THE MANLY MAN! THIS MANLY MAN is a man of courage, of strong heart, good health and self-confidence—with nerves that never flinch, muscles like bars of iron, a heart full of manly courage, honored and respected by all who know him. Such are thousands upon thousands of men today who in my nearly forty years' practice in electricity I have made out of even wrecks and weaklings. But to me, knowing how, it is easy. I simply aid Nature to complete what she intended, probably she was interfered with through indiscretion of some kind. I have every reason for believing I can do the same for you. Anyway, I will risk my appliance and time in giving you a trial. To show you my faith in my way of treating weak men, I will let you use one of my famous Horculex

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